

**REGULAR MEETING OF
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tuesday, September 25, 2018
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

(Note: Belmont Fire Protection District meeting held concurrent with the City Council Meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Mates, Lieberman, Kim, Hurt, Stone

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Update from the Fire Department on Recent Activities and Wildfire Preparedness

Deputy Fire Chief Thrasher provided an update on the organizational chart, the status of the fleet, and shared services for the Joint Powers Authority. He noted that the JPA recently hosted a fire academy. He also provided an update on wildfire preparedness and outlined vegetation management procedures. He described outreach activities as well as local, regional and state response to wildfire problems. He provided statistics on calls for service and noted various public outreach resources that are available.

Director Mates pointed out the responsibility of residents to protect themselves.

Director Stone noted that there is a need for different evacuation routes and plans based on the circumstances. He pointed out the proximity of stations in other jurisdictions to the City of Belmont.

Director Lieberman noted that concerns have been expressed in the community regarding wildfire preparedness for Belmont.

Deputy Fire Chief Thrasher described differences between Belmont and other communities that have experienced large wildfires. He pointed out that wildfire season is now a year-round phenomenon.

Deputy Fire Chief Iverson described changes in weather patterns that affect fire.

Director Hurt pointed out that San Mateo County has a lot of fire resources that are available regionally.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, described his experience with the Oakland fire. He suggested that information be provided regarding construction materials that might be best.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes of Regular Belmont Fire Protection District Meeting of September 11, 2018

ACTION: On a motion by Director Stone, seconded by Councilmember Mates, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 9:50 P.M.

**Terri Cook
District Secretary**

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped.